

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
SOUTHERN DIVISION**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

v.

TIMOTHY A. SAPP,

Defendant.

Case No. 21-3077-01-CR-S-RK

**MOTION OF THE UNITED STATES FOR PRETRIAL
DETENTION HEARING PURSUANT TO TITLE 18,
UNITED STATES CODE, SECTION 3142(f)**

The United States of America, by the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, hereby moves the Court to order a pretrial detention hearing pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3142(f), for the purpose of presenting evidence to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions of release will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance as required by the Court and the safety of other persons and the community. As grounds for the motion, the United States submits that:

1. There is probable cause to believe that the defendant committed the offenses of making a false statement during a firearm purchase, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(a)(6) and 924(a)(2); and transfer of a firearm to a prohibited person, in violation of 18 U.S.C. §§ 922(d) and 924(a)(2);
2. The defendant poses a risk to the safety of others in the community; and
3. The defendant poses a risk to flee.

SUPPORTING SUGGESTIONS

Title 18, United States Code, Section 3142(f)(1)(E) provides that a hearing must be held by the appropriate judicial officer to determine whether any condition or combination of conditions will reasonably assure the defendant's appearance and the safety of any other person in the

community if the attorney for the government moves for such a hearing and if the case involves any felony that involves the possession or use of a firearm. In this case, the defendant is charged with unlawfully transferring a firearm to a prohibited person and making a false statement during the purchase of a firearm.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 3142(g) lists the factors this Court should consider in determining whether it can fashion conditions which will reasonably assure the appearance of the defendant as required and the safety of the community. These factors include: (1) the nature and circumstances of the offense charged; (2) the weight of the evidence against the defendant; (3) the history and characteristics of the defendant, including his criminal history; and (4) the nature and seriousness of the danger to the community that would be posed by the defendant's release. 18 U.S.C. § 3142(g).

To support the Government's contention that the defendant is a flight risk and a danger to the safety of the community, the Government offers that:

1. On or about March 18, 2020, the defendant, an admitted user of marijuana and methamphetamine, conducted a straw purchase of a firearm for James Mangold, a convicted felon and drug user. The defendant lied while filling out ATF Form 4473 in that he stated he was the true purchaser of the firearm and that he was not an unlawful user of controlled substances.
2. Following search warrant executions on April 14, 2020, the defendant lied to law enforcement regarding that firearm (seized from Mangold's apartment) and two others (seized from his drug supplier, Dustin Brenneman's residence), by stating that all three of the firearms belonged to him.
3. On or about April 21, 2021, the defendant was advised he would be indicted. Later that evening, he committed a domestic assault against his girlfriend.

For the reasons set forth above, the United States requests that a detention hearing be held and that the defendant be denied bail.

Respectfully submitted,

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Certificate of Service

The undersigned hereby certifies that a copy of the foregoing was delivered on July 15, 2021, to the CM-ECF system of the United States District Court for the Western District of Missouri for electronic delivery to all counsel of record.

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